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PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: NANOLAYER THICK FILM PROCESSING
SYSTEM AND METHOD

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CONTINUATION

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing as a ☒ continuation ___ divisional application under the continuing application procedure of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) is a patent application identified as follows:

Title: NANOLAYER THICK FILM PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Inventor(s): Nguyen et al.

No. of pages in Specification (including cover page, claims and abstract): 48; No. of Claims: 66.

No. of Sheets of Drawings: 14; Formal: ☒ or Informal: ___.

Identification of Prior Complete Application

Appln. No.: 09/954,244

Art Unit: 2812

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Inventor(s): Nguyen et al

Delete the Following Inventor(s) for This Application: (none)

Declaration

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A copy of the Declaration (signed by all inventors) from the Prior Complete Application is submitted herewith.

Amendments

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A new specification is being filed herewith which includes some or all of the amendments entered during the prosecution of the Prior Complete Application, if any, as well as additional amendments submitted for clarity or contextual purposes, and a new set of claims. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Please CANCEL in this application original claims ____ of the prior complete application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.) However, if this instruction results in cancellation of all original claims, please instead retain the lowest numbered original claim.

Please AMEND the specification by [deleting the amendatory sentence before the first line of the application and inserting therefor:] [inserting before the first line of the application:] "This application is a _____ of Appln. No. _____, filed _____, [now abandoned,] [which is a continuation of Appln. No. _____, filed _____]."

A preliminary amendment is enclosed. Please enter the preliminary amendment before calculating the application filing fee. (Claims added must be consecutively numbered beginning with next number after highest number in prior complete application.)

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

No extension of time is required for the prior complete application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), enclosed is a petition for an extension of time for the prior complete application, up to and including today, for responding to the Office Action together with the fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Power of Attorney

- _____ A power of attorney appears in the prior complete application.
- _____ A new power of attorney is submitted herewith.

Assignment

- _____ The prior application is assigned of record to:

- _____ An assignment of the invention to: _____ is submitted herewith, together with an ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET and recordal fee of \$40.00.

Claim of Priority

- _____ Priority of foreign application Appln. No. _____, filed on _____, in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §1.119.
- _____ The certified copy was filed in prior U.S. application Appln. No. _____, filed _____.

Small Entity Statement

- ✓ _____ Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

Also Enclosed Are:

- _____ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Filing Fee

The continuation/divisional patent application filing fee is calculated as shown below:

| For | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate Small Entity/Other Than Small Entity | Total |
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| BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a)) | | | \$385.00 \$770.00 | 385.00 \$ |
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | <u>66</u> ** - 20 | <u>46</u> * | X \$ 9.00 X \$ 18.00 | 414.00 \$ |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | <u>14</u> ** - 3 | <u>11</u> * | X \$ 43.00 X \$ 86.00 | 473.00 \$ |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | + \$145.00 + \$290.00 | \$0.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$1272.00 |

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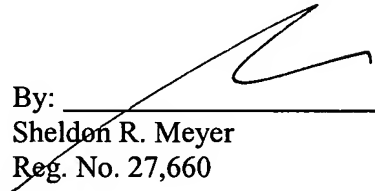
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